(c) the reasons for the losses; and

(d) the measures Government propose to take to cut the losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) As per Planning Commission's estimates on all India basis, the commercial losses suffered by the State Electricity Boards during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 were as under :—

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)	
	With subsidy	Without subsidy
1991-92	2004.74	4021.19
1992-93	2435.18	4685.92
1993-94 (RE)	2961.65	4992.36

(b) As per the data compiled by the Planning Commission, the subsidy provided for agricultural sector by 17 SEBs was as follows :

Year	Amount (Rs: in crores)
1991-92.	5859.00
1992-93.	7363.00
1993-94.	8349.00

(c) The major reasons for the losses of SEBs include unscientific power tariff structure including for the agricultural tariff, non-payment of RE subsidy to SEBs by the State Governments, non-conversion of loan into equity, low level of PLF, high T and D losses, high fuel consumption in thermal power stations etc.

(d) State Governments have been advised to undertake measures such as rationalised tariff, regular payment of rural electrification subsidy, improvement in Plant Load Factor, reduction in T and D losses etc. to improve the finances of the State Electricity Boards and to reduce their losses. The Conference of the Power Ministers held on 8th and 9th January, 1993 also discussed the ways and means to improve the performnce of SEBs, both in physical and financial terms, and had adopted an Action Plan which included, inter-alia, liquidation of arrears of subsidy in a phased manner, reduction in outstanding dues, tariff rationalisation, fixation of minimum agricultural tariff, supply of electricity on metered basis etc. Besides, theft of electricity has been made a cognizable offence.

Counter-Guarantee Agreement for Dhabol Power Project

1034. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether counter guarantee agreement with U.S. multi-national for setting up of the 2000 MW Power Project at Dhabol in Maharashtra has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thefeof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)- (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter is under finalisation.

Power theft

1935. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of power theft in different States during the last one year, if so, the value of the electricity stolen;

(b) the measures Government have taken/propose to take to check power thefts;

(c) whether World Bank has also drawn Government's attetnion towards this State of affairs; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)- (a) No, Sir. State Governments/SEBs make assessment in the their respective states.

(b) Comprehensive guidelines have been issued by Central Electricity Authority to the Power Utilities for reducing Transmission and Distribution losses. These include measures for reducing power theft vis-a-vis installing tamperproof meter boxes, intensifying surprise raids and launching prosecution against the persons found indulging in theft of energy. The theft of energy has been made a cognizable offence from August, 1986 under the provisions of Section 39 of Indian Electricity Act, 1910. An Incentive Scheme was also introduced by the Government of India amnog the State Electricity Boards, Electricity Departmnts etc. from the year 1987 for bringing about reduction in the Transmission & Distribution losses.

(c) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (c) above, question dose not arise.

Panadharo Lignite Power Plant

1036. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of power generated by the Panadharo Lignite Power Plant in Kutch district of Gujarat during each of last three years.

(b) wheher the total quantum of power generated was sufficient for Gujarat and Maharashtra.

(c) whether some foreign countries and NRIs are seeking investment in the Lignite Power project to boost its power generating capacity;

(d) if so, the details thereof. and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)- (a) The Quantum of power generated by Panadharo Lignite power Plant of Kutch district of Gujarat State during last three years is as given below:—

Year	Energy Generated (MU)
1991-92 . . .	424
1992-93 . . .	557
1993-94 . . .	668